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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Suite TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

**EB Docket No. 06-36**

**Re: CERTIFICATION OF CPNI COMPLIANCE FILING – FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
d/b/a Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
d/b/a Sandhill Communications

499 Filer ID# 807816

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On behalf of the telecommunications carriers listed above please find the attached filing of CPNI Certification together with the statement of procedures for operational compliance with the FCC's CPNI rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeanne K. Oliver".

Jeanne K. Oliver  
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**SANDHILL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**P. O. Box 519 Jefferson, SC 29718 843-658-3434**

**Annual 47 C.F.R. § 64.2009(e) CPNI Certification**

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Annual 64.2009(e) CPNI Certification for 2009

Date signed: February 8, 2010

Names of Companies Covered by this Certification:

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Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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d/b/a Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

d/b/a Sandhill Communications

Name of signatory: Irvin B. Williams

Title of signatory: General Manager

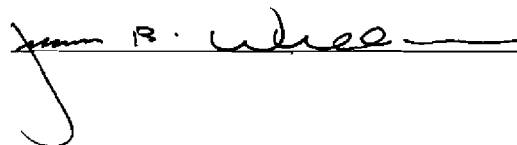
I, Irvin B. Williams, certify that I am an officer of the affiliated companies named above (collectively and individually "Company", and acting as an agent of the Company, that I have personal knowledge that the company has established operating procedures that are adequate to ensure compliance with the CPNI rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"). See 47 C.F.R. § 64.2001 *et seq.*

Attached to this certification is an accompanying statement explaining how the Company's procedures ensure that the company is in compliance with the requirements set forth in section 64.2001 *et seq.* of the Commission's rules.

The Company has not taken any actions (proceedings instituted or petitions filed by a company at either state commissions, the court system, or at the Commission) against data brokers in 2009 or related to 2009. The Company is not aware of any attempts by pretexters to access the CPNI of Company customers and thus has not had to take any actions against data brokers. The Company has taken steps to protect CPNI from unauthorized access and has described these steps in the accompanying statement.

The Company has not received any customer complaints in the past year concerning the unauthorized release of CPNI.

I hereby certify that the statements contained within this certification and the accompanying statement are accurate, complete and in accordance with FCC rules.



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**2009 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF FCC CPNI RULE COMPLIANCE  
February 8, 2010**

This statement accompanies the Company's 2009 Customer Proprietary Network Information ("CPNI") Certification, as required by Section 64.2009(e) of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") rules, for the purpose of explaining how the operating procedures of the Company ensure compliance with Part 64, Subpart U of the FCC's rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 64.2001 *et seq.*

*All subsequent references to rule Sections refer to rules under Part 64, Subpart U unless indicated otherwise.*

*As of this date, the Company has not used nor plans to use CPNI for marketing. For marketing purposes, the Company uses customer billing name and address and/or telephone number without any disaggregation or refinement based on CPNI*

**1. Identification of CPNI**

The Company has established procedures and trained employees having access to, or occasion to use customer data, to identify what customer information is CPNI consistent with the definition of CPNI under the Section 64.2003(g) and Section 222(f)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended (47 U.S.C. § 222(f)(1)).

**2. Identification of Services Affected by CPNI Rules**

The Company has established procedures and trained employees to recognize the different types of telecommunications and non-telecommunications services that affect how the Company uses CPNI.

**3. Identification of Permissible Uses of CPNI without Customer Authorization**

The Company has established procedures and trained employees having access to, or occasion to use CPNI, to identify uses of CPNI **not** requiring customer authorization under Section 64.2005.

**4. Identification of Uses of CPNI Requiring Customer Authorization**

The Company has established procedures and trained employees having access to, or occasion to use CPNI, to identify uses of CPNI requiring customer authorization under Section 64.2007.

**5. Customer Notification and Authorization Process**

The Company does not use CPNI for marketing and thus, at this time, has not provided notice regarding Opt-Out. Prior to any planned use of CPNI for marketing, the Company will initiate the notification and Opt-Out process. The Company does not provide CPNI to other parties and thus has not used the opt-in approval process. The Company has trained employees regarding prohibitions on use of CPNI for marketing. Prior to initiation of any program for use of CPNI for

marketing, the Company will train employees with a need and/or responsibility for obtaining customer authorization to use CPNI for marketing purposes, regarding the notice and approval requirements under Section 64.2008.

**6. Record of Customer CPNI Approval/Non-Approval**

At such time as Company may initiate use of CPNI for marketing with corresponding launch of a notification and Opt-Out process, the Company will develop and utilize a system for maintaining readily accessible record of whether and how a customer has responded to Opt-Out approval as required by Section 64.2009(a).

**7. Procedures Protecting Against Disclosure of CPNI**

During 2009, the Company implemented procedures for compliance with Section 64.2010 including, but not limited to the following:

Authentication of customers before disclosing CPNI on customer-initiated telephone contacts or business office visits.

The Company provides customers with on-line access to customer account information for which the Company has initiated procedures to control access in compliance with Section 64.2010(c) comprising authentication through a password established in compliance with Section 64.2010(e).

The Company has implemented password back-up authentication procedures in compliance with Section 64.2010(e).

The Company has implemented procedures to notify customers of account changes.

**8. Actions Taken Against Data Brokers and Responses to Customer Complaints**

Pursuant to Section 64.2009, the Company makes the following explanation of any actions taken against data brokers and a summary of all customer complaints received in the past year concerning the unauthorized release of CPNI:

<u>Not applicable.</u>	No actions taken against data-brokers.
	No customer complaints received.

**9. Disciplinary Process**

The Company has in place an express disciplinary process to address any unauthorized use of CPNI where the circumstances indicate authorization is required under Section 64.2009(b).

**10. Supervisory Review Process for Outbound Marketing**

Before undertaking to use CPNI for outbound marketing purposes, the Company will establish a supervisory review process to ensure compliance with Section 64.2009(d) of the FCC's Part 64, Subpart U CPNI rules.

**11. Procedures for Notifying Law Enforcement of CPNI Security Breaches**

The Company has adopted procedures to comply with Section 64.2011 for notifying law enforcement of CPNI security breaches, together with related recordkeeping and deferred notification to customers.